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Orange, Sept. 9. 1874.

Dear Wife:

George had as quiet and pleasant a trip to New York as I did, and arrived some three hours before the office of the Nation was opened. He joined me at the Hoboken ferry at 11 o'clock, and we came out at the Park together. To-day he goes over to Brooklyn to see the Anthonys, and make some other calls. We have not yet decided by which route we shall return home, or exactly at what time. He has suggested going up the North River to Albany, but as we should have to stop over night at the hotel, and might be delayed so that we could not reach home by Sunday morning, we shall doubtless conclude to take the noon Shore Line train, by way of Providence, on Saturday, reaching the Roxbury station about 9 P. M., and enabling ~~him~~ G. to get to Cambridgeport by 10 o'clock. I do not want to return by steam-boat.

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To-morrow I expect to go to Paterson, and spend the night with Mr. Benson. Expect to hear from him to-day.

I have taken two hot salt water baths, and am to take a third one this forenoon. I like them very much, but, as was the case of the Junkirk baths, they seem to increase my pains and to stiffen my knees. I do not think they will help me in the least; and am satisfied that all outward applications will prove unavailing, especially if of a heated nature. Nevertheless, I shall try a bath every day till my return, in order to make a fair experiment.

The weather continues brilliant, and as warm as in July — the mercury yesterday reaching nearly 90. Rain is greatly needed; and my opinion is that we shall have a deluge about the equinoctial period, and perhaps a gale of more than ordinary violence.

It is a fortnight to-day since Harry sailed. Doubtless he is now in London, or on his way to Frankfort. Has there been any announcement of the arrival of the steamer at Queenstown?

Miss Bigelow, Charley's prospective bride, is expected here to-day. Her photograph is a fine one, and I am desirous of seeing the original. I have not yet said anything to Charley about my being present at the wedding. I shall try to beg off.

With love to the household, in haste I remain,

Your own

M. L. G.

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